

November 1, 2003

Subject: BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project

Dear Allen Fiksdal, Manager -Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to voice our concerns about the project. We live only 3 miles from the BP Cherry Point refinery.

We have two obvious concerns about the cogeneration project. They are air quality and massive water use from the Nooksack River. The amount of electricity that the refinery needs to operate is 85 megawatts. The applicant calls for a 720 megawatt plant. We think that a large cogeneration plant coupled with the SE-1 and SE-2 powerplants will cause a cumulative degradation of our air quality that is unwarranted by our areas' electrical use. We think that if BP wants a local source of power either to buy it from SE-1 and SE-2 or build a smaller plant that would meet the needs of the refinery. This would also require much less water from the Nooksack River, a river that has more permits than water. It appears that lack of water rather than lack of electricity will be our county's most serious problem. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

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